

News from the Glen

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A Letter From Our President

Hello Everyone ~

What are you stitching? How many projects are “in the works”? You may be like me and have several going at once. There’s my group correspondence piece, an ornament for the exhibit, the last monthly project (okay, there might be several of those in different stages....) I also have a larger piece that I tired of but I keep promising myself that I’ll come back to it eventually. This is like confession! One of my nieces asked when I was going to make her an angel –I’m thinking about which one to stitch. There are also a few charts that I just couldn’t say no to – they called to me. I have the fabric and fibers ready and only need a feeble excuse to put them into the rotation. My secret stitchee has also added to my stash and I’d love to finish one of those. They look quick to do. I’ve heard there are some of you who actually start and finish just one project at a time! Amazing. I’m too greedy and I want to do it all!

I tend to overestimate the amount of time that I think I have! Deadlines approach. We have our fall exhibit, “Stitching Memories in the Glen” coming up. We’d love to see all your pieces, what you’ve put together and how you finished the project. Our exhibit has grown each year. It is our major fund-raiser and showcases our guild’s talents. Please participate! Remember, we’ve also asked that you donate an ornament. No reminders needed for the stitched afghans –they are very near completion and we were able to show them off at the Downers Grove Heritage Fest.

Other deadlines loom – Doreen Brandenburg will be passing out the challenge ornament kits. Let those creative juices flow and show us at the Christmas party what you’ve designed and stitched. You have a couple of months to work on this but we’ll be singing Christmas carols before you know it.

Are you part of a group correspondence course? Check with the group leader and make sure you get your piece in on time. Do you have your ‘homework’ done for our monthly project? Kathy Christie has come up with some wonderful programs. She always arranges to have the model stitched so we can see what it is supposed to look like! It inspires me to do as well.

We have begun making plans for the 2005 Regional Meeting, “Prairie Passions”. Admittedly, that deadline sounds so far away but it takes a great deal of planning and preparation to put together all the teachers, classes, dinners, merchandise mall and the varied background details a wonderful regional meeting requires. We’d really like to show the Great Lakes Region what our guild could accomplish and be awesome hostesses. It won’t be hard if we all contribute and start early enough so we’re not rushed.

I’m sure I haven’t touched on all those deadlines. There are birthday gifts, graduation and wedding gifts, birth samplers and a promised angel for a little niece. So, I ask again, What are you stitching? I invite you to stitch with us!

Let’s stitch together,
Karen Bonse

WTC & Pentagon Quilts

If you want to see an awesome tribute to those that lost their lives in the tragedy of September 11, 2001, then you need to visit <http://www.wtcquilt.com/construction.html>.

Kathy B of Florida asked stitchers across the world to stitch a square and mail the completed squares to her. She then assembled all the squares as the "white" stripes in the American flag. She used red fabric for the red stripes and also used cross-stitched designs as the centers of the stars. What a wonderful project and labor of love! Kathy is assembling 5 quilts in all, 1 will be given to New York, 1 for Washington, D.C., 1 for Pennsylvania and 1 each for the NYFD and NYPD. Here's a sneak peak:



NCCSS News

13 entries were brought down to Arcola this year for the National Counted Cross Stitch Seminar. Of those 13 entries, we had 4 blue ribbon winners! The first winner was Irene Ginger who won in the Amateur Designs category for her sampler. Next was Jane Stevens, who won in the Correspondence or Class Piece category for her Eileen Bennett sampler. Lastly, Cathy Kruk won for her Needle Cottage by C.A. Wells and also for the Virtuous Woman Sampler by Mary vandenBerg in the Verses and Sayings Category. Congratulations to the winners and everyone that took the time to stitch a piece and enter it in the show. We hope more of you will participate next year, when it will be Rockome's 20th anniversary!

EGA Website Review

by: Karen M. Campbell

Karen was kind enough to provide us with a column this issue even though she hadn't yet published a new column. The following is an earlier column from around Valentine's Day. I thought it was fitting since it talks about Celtic Blackwork which seemed to be all the rage this year at the NCCSS.

A belated Happy Valentine's Day! At Rivers End has just posted a new freebie, Gift of Hearts, to their website <http://www.concentric.net/~Nyssa>. Nyssa has also done a shamrock design, if you're already preparing for St. Patrick's Day.

Carol Leather's <http://www.x-calibredesigns.co.uk/celtic.htm> will lead you to a set of four Celtic Elements: air, fire, earth, water. That page includes a link to Celtic blackwork designs ... a misnomer, since some of them are done in red!

<http://www.celticxstitch.ie/> is an Ireland-based website that allows you to generate your own free chart of any phrase in the Celtic alphabet. There are plenty of good Celtic designs to celebrate St. Pat's with here, as well.

<http://www.britstitch.com/> -- This is the US distributor of New Stitches magazine. Their website has a collection of the UK's best designers, and may be the only easy way to get some of them on this side of the pond.

The title, Celtic Curiosities, tops the page at <http://www.nickann.ndirect.co.uk/Celtic.htm>.

One of their designs is a Celtic clerical stole. If you were wondering what to get Father O'Leary for Christmas, here's your solution!

The Scots-Irish among us will appreciate <http://users.techline.com/rjcsmc/> Stacy has a number of pre-charted tartans and will take special requests for others. There are 6 varieties of Campbell, so if you don't like one color combination, you can pick a different one. They come in a variety of sizes, so you don't necessarily have to stitch on 8-count to make a pillow or on 40-count gauze if you want a coaster.

Finally, Sue's Cross-Stitch Freebie Finder <http://powerup.com.au/~sheal/freebies.html> will lead you to every available free pattern on the internet. Well, OK, maybe not every one of them, but you probably don't have time to stitch up all the ones she has listed, so you really don't need more listings! Most designers have freebies for most holidays, so if you need something special, start your search here.

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California. She writes this column for the Camellia Chapter newsletter, and shares it with us. If you have comments about this column, or suggestions for a future one, e-mail her at KMC528@aol.com.

Quilt Exhibit

A national exhibit of the "Quilts of Gee's Bend" will be on display at the Milwaukee Art Museum from September 27th through January 4th. This show is made up of 70 quilts hand stitched by women who live or have lived in the tiny hamlet of Gee's Bend, Alabama. This show was ranked as one of the 10 best shows of 2002 at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.

WFG AFGHANS

The afghans are almost complete! Two of the afghans were on display at the Downer's Grove Heritage Fest where we were able to sell some opportunity drawing chances!

GREAT LAKES REGION NEWS

EGA 17th NATIONAL EXHIBIT, "Through the Needle's Eye":

May 7 – Aug 3, 2003
Historic Society of Saginaw County
Castle Museum
Saginaw, Michigan

Aug 26 – Sep 28, 2003
Fine Arts Center Galleries
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, Ohio

OHIO STATE DAY

The date has been set for Saturday, July 19, 2003 at St. Raphael's Bookstore and Conference Center, 4365 Fulton Drive, Canton, Ohio. State Day will be hosted by The Hidden River Chapter of Ohio, in Massillon. The theme will be Scottish Samplers with a lecture and a stumpwork thistle will be taught.

INDIANA STATE DAY

"An Old Fashioned Garden" will be held at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Peru, Indiana, on Saturday, September 20, 2003. Learn a new finishing technique as you work on the baffled needle roll project. You can see a picture of the project at www.picturetrail.com/mary-jo You will be

required to pre-stitch the motif and edge stitching to be able to finish the piece in class. The registration deadline is May 31, 2003. The kits will be mailed the second week of June. If interested, send a registration form and check for \$35 to Sharon M. Henderson, Registrar, 2003 State Day, PO Box 66, Medaryville, IN 47957-0066 or email for more information, hendson@home.ffi.com See the Regional Rep for a registration form (Cathy Kruk).

MICHIGAN STATE DAY

Monguagon Chapter is hosting this event which will be held September 20, 2003 at the St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth, MI. Six regional and national level teachers will be guiding you through canvas, stumpwork, surface, silk ribbon, beads or pulled thread. The full day from 9am – 3:30pm includes class/luncheon/shopping and is \$55. A half day with no class is \$30. Please see Regional Rep, Cathy Kruk, for color pictures of the project that are offered.

NEEDLE MAGIC!

Get ready for the 2004 GLR Seminar hosted by Fox Valley Chapter to be held in Appleton, WI at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Opening banquet is Sunday, April 18. Monday/Thursday 4-day class is available or 2-day classes on Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday. Closing banquet is Thursday, April 22. If you've never attended a regional seminar, you are really missing out! Be sure to check out the class offerings with your Regional Rep, Cathy Kruk. Registration begins November 15, 2003. For more information, email Karen Wojahn at kwojahn768@aol.com.

GLR WINTER OFFERINGS 2004 GROUP CORSP COURSES

Plum Blossoms – Kinsey	\$47
Beginner's Hardanger – Scoular	\$38
Nature's Cradle – Handwerker	\$37
Luck of the Irish – Roberts	\$37
Gracie – Burr	\$42
Dainty Trifles – Lewandowski	\$47
Options – Sokolow	\$38
Teapot Cosy – Lewandowski	\$47
Chess Anyone? – Sokolow (retiring)	\$42
Drawn Thread Sampler #2 (retiring)	\$36
Hearts and Flowers – Rozendal (ret.)	\$47
Lace Ribbons – Rogers (retiring)	\$42

For further details on the course content and approximate cost of materials, please consult your Education Supplements. The cost of the course includes course fee, cost of booklet and postage. GLR has budgeted funds to allow less than twenty participants in a course. Registration deadline is November 15, 2003. Send registration form and a check payable to Great Lakes Region EGA to:
c/o Sandra Harding
Coorespondence Coordinator
1203 Elm St.
Bay City, MI 48706-4008

CHAPTER BUCKS:

The winner of the May Chapter Buck was Sandra Malone. There were no chapter projects for show and tell at the June meeting. For a chance to win a chapter buck, just bring in your completed chapter program for show-and-tell!

2003 BOARD MEETINGS:

Next board meeting.....July 28, 7pm at the Patio Restaurant in Bridgeview.

UKRAINIAN OPENWORK GCC:

Stay tuned to this area for information concerning the projects that have been sent in for critique!

Programs 2003

July 8

Creative Couching by Sara Lee J. Allen
Cost: price of bag tag

August 12

Snowflake Santa by Libby Sturdy
Cost: price of threads in kit
Supplies needed: DMC B5200, 931, 754, 760, 3731 – 1 skein of each
Mount your canvas on stretcher bars, needles #20, 22 & 26
Specialty fibers will be provided in kit price

September 9

Victorian Lace Scissor Fob – Ruskin Lace
Cost: tbd

October 14

American Crewel by Needle Arts Studio
Cost: tbd

To find out details of the Programs, take a look at Kathy's Program book which is available at every Chapter meeting.

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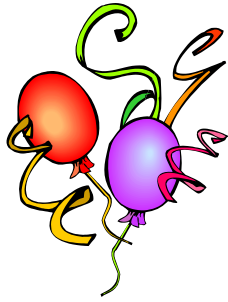
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Birthdays!

July

1-Jul Jean Tarkowski
2-Jul Jean Sloboda
4-Jul Wendy Lynn
8-Jul Karen Bonse
15-Jul Alaine Todd

August

9-Aug Cathy Kruk
30-Aug Rita Broyles

2003 REGIONAL SEMINAR

Frankenmuth, MI

By: Cathy Kruk, Regional Rep

I arrived Saturday evening in Frankenmuth, much later than anticipated (I got lost) and the first sight that greeted me was reminiscent of a cold Christmas night, minus the snow. You see, Frankenmuth is known as the Christmas town because of the huge Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland. There are full sized lawn decorations on display and the whole place is lit up like December 25th!

Just beyond Bronner's was the Bavarian Inn, where the seminar was held. I checked into the hotel and went up to my room. I was able to sit and stitch for about an hour before my roommates arrived. They are part of the National board and needed to be present for the board meeting.

The next morning, I went down for breakfast and then had the rest of the morning and afternoon free. I went shopping, of course, just over the little wooden bridge and stopped in most of the shops at River Place. My favorite shop, Bead Haven, was a favorite of many others, too! At 3 pm, I met up with some Needle Nest, Windy City and Waterfall Glen gals. We discussed arrangements for our upcoming 2005 Regional Seminar and Joyce Kinnally taught us how we're going to make the name tags. They are very nice!

At 5 pm, I went to attend the Regional Board Meeting. I was very confused because it is a fast-paced meeting to allow everyone a chance to get in their say. Woo~my head was spinning and I was trying to let it all sink in my head. I took what notes I could and decided that in the fall I will be more "experienced" and will know what to expect! At 6:30pm it was time for dinner. Bavarian Inn is very professional with their banquets and not only was the service great, the food was excellent. Every night was a tasty, well-prepared buffet. The White Pines Chapter also took very good care of its guests. Every evening at dinner, a little gift was set at each place setting. They were all hand made and were in keeping with the theme of the seminar, Symphony of Stitches. Every day both at lunch and dinner, I sat at a different table and got to know quite a few different women from various chapters. Since we all share the same stitching/education passion, it was very easy to talk to everyone and I think I will remember some faces next fall!

Classes began at 8 am on Monday morning. My instructor was Diane Clements and she taught us the Rose Sweet Bag. It was certainly not as hard as it looks and Diane's goal was to teach us all the stitches before we left on Tuesday afternoon. She was patient, kind and very professional. As a matter of fact, anytime I asked another seminar attendee what class they were taking and how they liked the instructor, I always heard very complimentary descriptions of both class and teachers! Certainly, a lot of time and effort is put in to achieve status of EGA instructor and the skill level of said instructor is far beyond any previous instructor's classes I've ever attended in the past.

My final farewell to everyone was Tuesday evening. My 2-day class was over and it was time to head home. I felt I made some new friends and improved my needleworking skills, all the while enriching my needleworking experiences! I loved Regional Seminar and am looking forward to attending Needle Magic! in Appleton, WI next April.